

**REMARKS**

A telephone interview with the Examiner was held on November 20, 2008, in which Claim 1 and the Shibata reference were discussed. Agreement was not reached in the interview.

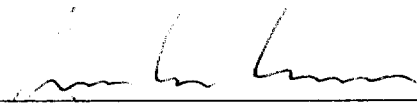
The Examiner allowed claims 8 and 9 in the Office action mailed September 30, 2008. Claims 2 and 3 were previously cancelled. By this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled the remaining non-allowed claims 1, 4, 6 and 7, leaving only the allowed claims 8 and 9 in this application.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is thus in condition for allowance.

If any fees are required by this communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. ARI-38267.

Respectfully submitted,

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